

**Department of Environmental Conservation  
Response to Comments**

**For**

**Hoonah WWTF**

**APDES Permit No. AKG572022**

**Public Noticed January 6, 2023-February 6, 2023**

**February 8, 2023**



**Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation  
Wastewater Discharge Authorization Program  
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## **1 Introduction**

### **1.1 Summary of Facility / Permit**

Hoonah Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) is located at 315 Harbor Drive in Hoonah, Alaska and operated by the City of Hoonah. The proposed modified authorization under general permit AKG572000, Small Publicly Owned Treatment Works and other Small Treatment Works Providing Secondary Treatment of Domestic Wastewater and Discharging to Surface Water, authorizes the discharge of secondary treated domestic wastewater from the Hoonah WWTF with an approved increased design flow from 170,000 gallons per day (GPD) to 500,000 GPD with an average monthly rate of 150,000 GPD to Port Fredrick. Wastewater is treated to secondary standards using total residual chlorine as disinfection at the facility. A mixing zone for outfall 001A is authorized for fecal coliform bacteria, enterococci, total residual chlorine, pH, and dissolved oxygen that is defined as a 27 meter radius centered over the diffuser.

### **1.2 Opportunities for Public Participation**

The Department of Environmental Conservation proposed to issue an Alaska Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (APDES) wastewater discharge permit authorization to Hoonah Wastewater Treatment Facility. To ensure public, agency, and tribal notification and opportunities for participation, the Department:

- posted the draft of the permit on-line for a 30-day public comment period on January 6, 2023.
- sent email notifications via the APDES Program List Serve when the draft was available for review

The Department did not receive comments on the draft permit.

### **1.3 Final Permit**

The final permit was adopted on February 8, 2023. There were no changes made from the public noticed permit.